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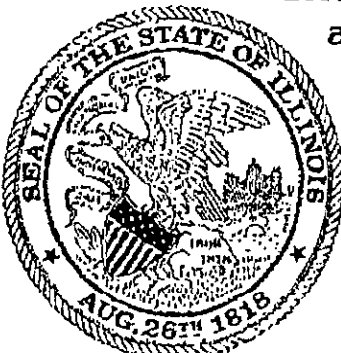
# State of Illinois

## Office of The Secretary of State

Whereas, APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT  
BUSINESS IN THIS STATE OF  
CITYNET TELECOM, INC.  
INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE HAS BEEN FILED  
IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS PROVIDED BY THE BUSINESS  
CORPORATION ACT OF ILLINOIS, IN FORCE JULY 1, A.D. 1984.

Now Therefore, I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of  
Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue  
this certificate and attach hereto a copy of the Application of the  
aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be  
affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois,  
at the City of Springfield, this 6TH  
day of MARCH A.D. 2001 and of  
the Independence of the United States the two  
hundred and 25TH



Jesse White

Secretary of State

Form **BCA-13.15**  
(Rev. Jan. 1999)

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE  
OF AUTHORITY TO  
TRANSACTION BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS

**SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE!**

Jesse White, Secretary of State  
Department of Business Services  
Springfield, IL 62756  
Telephone (217) 782-1834  
http://www.sos.state.il.us

This space for use by Secretary of State

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JESSE WHITE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

This space for use by  
Secretary of State

Date 03/06/01  
License Fee \$  
Franchise Tax \$ 25.00  
Filing Fee \$ 75.00  
Penalties \$  
Approved: [Signature]

Payment must be made by  
certified check, cashier's check,  
Illinois attorney's check, Illinois  
C.P.A.'s check or money order,  
payable to "Secretary of State."

1. (a) CORPORATE NAME: CityNet Telecom, Inc.

(Complete item 1 (b) only if the corporate name is not available in this state.)

(b) ASSUMED CORPORATE NAME:

(By electing this assumed name, the corporation hereby agrees NOT to use its corporate name in the transaction of business in Illinois. Form BCA 4.15 is attached.)

2. (a) State or Country of Incorporation: Delaware

(b) Date of Incorporation: June 8, 2000

(c) Period of Duration: perpetual

3. (a) Address of the principal office, wherever located:

(b) Address of principal office in Illinois:  
(If none, so state)

8403 Colesville Road 14th Floor

Silver Spring, MD 20910

None

4. Name and address of the registered agent and registered office in Illinois.

Registered Agent

Illinois Corporation Service Company

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Registered Office

100 South Second Street

Number

Street

Suite #

Springfield

62704

Sangamon

City

Zip Code

County

5. States and countries in which it is admitted or qualified to transact business: (Include state of incorporation)

DE, MN, NC, D.C., PA, NM, NE, AZ, LA, RI, MD, GA, MI, IN, CA

6. Names and residential addresses of officers and directors:

Name	No. & Street	City	State	ZIP
President	See attached officers/directors rider			
Secretary				
Director				
Director				
Director				

If more than 3, attach list

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7. Purpose or purposes proposed to be pursued in transacting business in this state:  
 (If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.)

wholesale telephone company

8. Authorized and issued shares:

Class	Series	Par Value	Number of Shares Authorized	Number of Shares Issued
Common		\$ .01	1000	100

9. Paid-in Capital: \$ 1.00

("Paid-in Capital" replaces the terms Stated Capital & Paid-in Surplus and is equal to the total of these accounts.)

10. (a) Give an estimate of the total value of all the property\* of the corporation for the following year: \$ 100,000,000
- (b) Give an estimate of the total value of all the property\* of the corporation for the following year that will be located in Illinois: \$ 10,000,000
- (c) State the estimated total business of the corporation to be transacted by it everywhere for the following year: \$ 100,000,000
- (d) State the estimated annual business of the corporation to be transacted by it at or from places of business in the State of Illinois: \$ 10,000,000

11. Interrogatories: (Important - this section must be completed.)

- \*\* (a) Office or offices to which all contracts with the corporation are forwarded for final acceptance: 8403 Colesville Rd.  
 (b) Number of shares of all classes owned by residents of Illinois: none 14th Floor  
 (c) Number of shares of all classes owned by non-residents of Illinois: 100% Silver Spring, MD  
 (d) Is the corporation transacting business in this state at this time? no 20910  
 (e) If the answer to item 11(d) is yes, state the exact date on which it commenced to transact business in Illinois:

12. This application is accompanied by a certified copy of the articles of Incorporation, as amended, duly authenticated, within the last ninety (90) days, by the proper officer of the state or country wherein the corporation is incorporated.

13. The undersigned corporation has caused this statement to be signed by its duly authorized officers, each of whom affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true. (All signatures must be in BLACK INK)

Dated January 11, 2001  
 (Month & Day) (Year)

CityNet Telecom, Inc.

Attested by Monique Marcus  
 (Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)

(Exact Name of Corporation)

Debra R. Hoopes  
 (Signature of President or Vice President)

Monique Marcus, Assistant Secretary  
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

by Debra R. Hoopes, Senior Vice President  
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

• PROPERTY as used in this application shall apply to all property of the corporation, real, personal, tangible, intangible, or mixed without qualifications.

\*\* When the response to #11(a) list ONLY an Illinois address, then the total business as reflected in #10(c) is also considered to be Illinois business for the purpose of computing the Illinois allocation factor. By signing this application, the corporation affirms that it is aware that the amount of paid-in capital, and consequently the amount of license fees and franchise taxes, may be proportionately higher due to the Illinois address shown under #11(a).

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS  
OF  
CITYNET TELECOM, INC.**

NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS
Vicki S. Abernathy	Chief Administrative Officer and Director	20136 Palm Island Drive Boca Raton, FL 33498
Robert G. Berger	President, CEO and Director	203 Vierling Drive Silver Spring, MD 20904
Emilio L. Pardo	Senior Vice President, Secretary and Director	17020 Barnridge Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20906
Debra R. Hoopes	Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President	811 Old Turner Mountain Lane Charlottesville, VA 22901
Monique L. Marcus	Vice President, Controller and Assistant Secretary	5707 Trafton Place Bethesda, MD 20817
Stephen L. Merrill	Senior Vice President of Engineering and Operations	16 Partridge Road Concord, NH 05452
Steven L. Dodd	Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Director	12024 Lake Newport Road Reston, VA 20194
Cyrus B. Bamji	Assistant Secretary	13123 Lutes Drive Silver Spring, MD 20906